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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER  
Under Small Entity Status**Attorney Docket No:  
**A20-012-01-US**Application Serial Number:  
**09/866,138**Filing Date:  
**May 25, 2001**Examiner:  
**Pedder, Dennis H.**Group Art Unit:  
**3612**Invention: **TONNEAU COVER TENSION ADJUSTER APPARATUS**

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

**CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	26	MINUS	32	0	\$9	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	9	MINUS	10	0	\$40	\$ 0

**X** Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of **July 8, 2002** to and through **November 8, 2002** comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of:

**X** one month (\$55)                             three months (\$460)  
       two months (\$200)                             four months (\$720)

**TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT**

**X** Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been claimed.

**X** A Declaration by Applicant is enclosed.

       A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

**X** A check in the amount of \$55.00 to cover the extension fee is attached.

**X** Please charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account **13-4300**

**October 28, 2002**  
Date

**Robert C. Freed**  
Robert C. Freed, Reg. No. 32569

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PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Schmeichel, Charles M.  
Serial No.: 09/866,138  
Filed: May 25, 2001  
For: TONNEAU COVER TENSION  
ADJUSTER APPARATUS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir or Madam:

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**GROUP 3600****RESPONSE UNDER RULE 111**

The Office Action mailed July 8, 2002 has been carefully reviewed and considered. In response, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) An adjustable assembly for a cargo box cover for use on a cargo box having upwardly extending left and right side walls, the cargo box cover having left and right side rails connected to said left and right side walls, respectively, an elongate tensioning rail having left and right ends, said elongate tensioning rail extending from said left side rail to said right side rail, and a flexible cover fixedly attached to said elongate tensioning rail, said adjustable assembly comprising:

left and right adjustable threaded screw connection mechanisms; the threaded screw connection mechanisms including respective left and right secured portions secured to said left and right side rails, respectively; respective left and right adjustable portions connected to said